

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Kolstee, Chair
Mark Braiman
Justin Carman*
Daniel Castello*
Pietro Geraci
Paul Grindle
Mark Glogowski
Adam Magoon*
Christopher Olenski
Michael Rebmann*

**indicates a member who joined the committee during the meeting.*

OBSERVERS

Juan Ayala
James Dayton
Shawn DeGrand
Angela Einwachter
Jennifer O'Connor

The meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

The Chair opened the floor for participants to introduce themselves and their interest in the Rules Committee. The following individuals spoke in the following order: Adam Magoon, Mark Glogowski, Michael Rebmann, Mark Braiman, Justin Carman, Pietro Geraci, Juan Ayala, Shawn DeGrand, Angela Einwachter, Christopher Olenski, Jennifer O'Connor, Daniel Castello, and James Dayton.

After determining that all members of the committee had their terms expire at the first Executive Committee meeting following the Organization Meeting, the following members were reappointed to the committee by the Chair: Mark Braiman, Pietro Geraci, Paul Grindle, Mark Glogowski, and Christopher Olenski. The following members were appointed as new members of the committee: Justin Carman, Daniel Castello, Adam Magoon, and Michael Rebmann.

Proposal A as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

5.1. ~~General.~~ **GENERAL.** Members of the Libertarian Party shall consist of registered voters who have enrolled in the Libertarian Party as provided by statute, unless otherwise provided in these Rules.

5.2. ~~Membership Under Unrecognized Party Status.~~ **MEMBERSHIP UNDER UNRECOGNIZED PARTY STATUS.** If at any time the Libertarian Party is not a recognized political party under New York State Election Law, the members of the Libertarian Party shall be defined as any of the following, provided that such voter is not enrolled in another political party: (a) voters enrolled in the Libertarian Party as listed by the New York State Board of Elections, the New York City Board of Elections, and/or individual County Boards of Elections and (b) voters as registered as a member of the Libertarian Party of New York through a membership form provided by the Libertarian Party of New York.

5.2.1. ~~Voting Eligibility.~~ **VOTING ELIGIBILITY.** Members of the Libertarian Party must provide an email address to be able to vote in any election or meeting for the purposes of conducting business of the Libertarian Party.

5.2.2. ~~Availability of Information.~~ **AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.** The membership list including name, date of birth, county, and zip code for each member shall be available upon request to other members. Individual members may choose upon registration to indicate that any other information be omitted from general distribution to other members. Other information not requested for omission shall be included with the requested member list upon request.

5.2.3. ~~Restrictions on Party Use of Email Addresses of Members.~~ **RESTRICTIONS ON PARTY USE OF EMAIL ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS.** The email address provided by a member for voter eligibility purposes may be used exclusively for providing notice and mechanisms for participation in meetings and party elections, and for member solicitation of signatures for Libertarian candidate petitions, unless the member explicitly indicates their email address may be used for other purposes.

Motion by Mark Glogowski to **recommend Proposal B as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Mark Braiman and debated.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **amend Proposal B as follows by striking “enrolled”** was seconded by Michael Rebmann, debated, and passed 5—3.

6.2. **MEMBERS.** Members of the State Committee ~~shall must~~ be ~~enrolled~~ members in the Libertarian Party and elected in accordance with ~~Article 6.3 of~~ these Rules. If at any time the Libertarian Party is unable to hold a primary election ~~for the purpose of electing~~ **to elect** a new State Committee, the members of the State Committee shall be elected in accordance with Article 6.4. Members of the State Committee shall also be any enrolled member of the Libertarian Party who fills a vacancy in the State Committee ~~in accordance with these Rules~~ or is elected to the Executive Committee.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **amend Proposal B as follows to strike “hold a primary election” as indicated in orange and insert “under the auspices of the New York State Board of Elections” as indicated in purple** was seconded by Mark Glogowski, debated, and passed 5—2.

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Motion by Mark Glogowski to **amend Proposal B as follows to insert “as per these Rules” as indicated in purple** was seconded by Mark Braiman, debated, and passed by voice vote.

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Motion by Christopher Olenski to **postpone consideration of Proposal B until the next meeting of the Rules Committee in order to make a determination between the terms “shall” and “must” and the distinction of the term “Libertarian Party” referring to the national party or state party** failed due to lack of a second.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **amend Proposal B as follows to strike “be” as indicated in orange and insert “include” as indicated in purple** was seconded by Mark Glogowski, debated, and passed by voice vote.

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Motion by Mark Braiman to **amend Proposal B as follows to strike “enrolled” as indicated in orange** was seconded by Mark Glogowski. Motion by Adam Magoon to **insert “as per these Rules” as indicated in purple** was ruled by the Chair to be included in the Braiman amendment without objection. The motion to **amend Proposal B as follows** passed without objection.

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Proposal I as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

~~8.2.4. **AMENDMENT OF RULES.** Any member of the newly elected State Committee may submit amendments to the Rules of the Libertarian Party. Such amendments must be received by the Rules Subcommittee of the Convention Committee at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Organization Meeting. The Rules Subcommittee must distribute the full text of any proposed amendment to all members of the newly elected State Committee at least ten (10) days in advance of the organization meeting.~~

8.2.5. **AGENDA.** The order of business shall be as follows:

- (a) The current Chair shall call the meeting to order.
- (b) The Chair shall call the roll to identify the elected State Committee members present.
- (c) The Chair shall serve as the Presiding Officer and Secretary shall serve as the Recording Secretary, respectively, of the Organization Meeting, unless they decline or are unable to serve, at which point a Temporary Chair and/or Temporary Secretary shall be elected for the duration of the meeting.
- (d) Report of Rules ~~Sub~~CCommittee and adoption of the Special Rules of Order of the Organization Meeting.
- (e) Filling of vacancies on the State Committee.
- (f) Supplemental report of the Credentials Subcommittee.
- (g) Report of Rules ~~Sub~~CCommittee and adoption of the Rules of the Libertarian Party.
- (h) Election of the officers and five Members-At-Large of the Executive Committee.
- (i) Discussion and consideration of Platform amendments.
- (j) Report of Resolutions Subcommittee.
- (k) Adjournment.

Proposal K as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

8.5.5. Any place in these Rules where written notice of a meeting is required, providing notice via electronic means is sufficient to satisfy the notice requirement. If anyone would prefer to receive such notices via ~~the~~ U.S. Postal Service mail, they must contact the Chair to request their preference be honored, and such notice may be provided as a courtesy, at the discretion of the Chair.

Proposal N as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

10.1. **GENERAL.** The State Committee shall have the power to create and dissolve standing or special committees and to appoint ~~or~~ and remove their members and chair. The Chair of the State Committee ~~may~~ shall have the power to create special committees and appoint their members and chair.

Motion by Adam Magoon to **recommend Proposal Q as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Daniel Castello and debated. Motion by Pietro Geraci to **amend Proposal Q to strike “may” and “, by teleconference, or a combination thereof” and “insert”** was withdrawn. The original motion to **recommend Proposal Q** passed by voice vote.

11.3.1. **CONVENTION.** A convention, organization meeting, or special meeting held in accordance with Article 11.2.1. The convention may be held in-person, by ~~video~~ teleconference, or a combination thereof.

Proposal S as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

~~12.1.2.~~ **12.1.1. REMOVAL OF PARTY OFFICERS.** Any state or county official of the Libertarian Party may be removed from office for disloyalty to the party or corruption in office in accordance with this article and Article 2-116 of Election Law. Such officials include officers of a County Organization and members or officers of the State Committee, or Executive Committee.

~~12.1.1.~~ **12.1.2. REVOCATION OF COUNTY AFFILIATION.** Affiliation with a County Organization may be revoked in accordance with this article.

Proposal U as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

12.2.4. **ACTION FOLLOWING A HEARING.** Following a hearing as approved in Article 12.2.2, a two-thirds (2/3) vote at a meeting of the full State Committee is required to revoke affiliation of a County Organization or remove a state or county official of the Libertarian Party ~~as described in Article 12.1.2.~~

Proposal W as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

13.6.2. Should an individual selected by the State Committee to be an At-Large Delegate or Alternate At-Large Delegate to the Libertarian National Convention then become a Congressional District Delegate elected at the Presidential primary, the newly elected Congressional District Delegate shall cease to be an At-Large Delegate or Alternate At-Large Delegate and ~~the State Committee shall elect~~ another individual ~~to be~~ shall become the At-Large Delegate or Alternate At-Large Delegate **in accordance with the rubric.**

13.6.3. If the State Board of Elections has not certified the winner of a Presidential Primary and a corresponding slate of Congressional Delegates at least **thirty (30)** days prior to the scheduled National Convention, the State Committee shall have the authority to select all delegates in a manner it determines is appropriate.

Proposal P as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party without objection.

11.1.1. **COUNTY CONTACTS.** In any county where no County Affiliate exists, the State Committee may appoint one or more enrolled members of the Libertarian Party to serve as County Contacts for the purpose of organizing a County Organization. *[moved to new Article 11.1.1.1]* The State Committee shall also designate by appointment the Lead County Contact, who is responsible for organizing meetings. Upon establishment of a County Organization, the duly elected Chair shall replace the County Contact as the State Committee's primary contact for a given county.

11.1.1.1. **TERMS.** County Contacts shall **serve until the end of the succeeding calendar quarter** ~~have a term of three (3) months~~, subject to renewal or removal by the State Committee. **Each renewal of a County Contact shall expire at the end of the succeeding calendar quarter.**

The next meetings of the Rules Committee were set for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:24 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,
Chair